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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The following remarks are submitted in response to the non-final  
Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 in the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

The present application was filed on March 29, 2001 with claims 1-17.  
Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the present application. The present application  
claims the priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/977,382 filed November  
24, 1997, which claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.  
60/037,963 filed February 20, 1997.

In the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims  
1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by